

Application No. 09/359,648
Docket No. 29250-000253/US

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, and 5-7, and 9-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5, 8, 15, 18, and 20 are independent claims.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants thank the Examiner for recognizing the allowability of claims 1, 3, 5-7, and 9-19.

35 U.S.C. § 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH REJECTION

Claim 20 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicants assert that the rejection is now moot given the amendment of claim 20.

35 U.S.C. § 102(E) CHANG ET AL. REJECTION

Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,564,065 to Chang. This rejection is moot in light of the cancellation of claim 8.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, reconsideration of the various rejections and allowance of claims 1, 3, and 5-7, and 9-20 is respectfully requested.

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of one (1) month(s) in the amount of \$110.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

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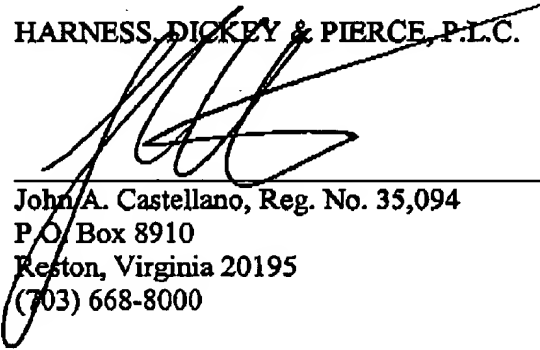
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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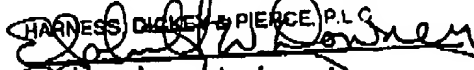
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